

**REDMOND PARK BOARD**  
*Minutes*  
**October 2, 2003**  
**Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center**

**I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chair Lori Snodgrass at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Lori Snodgrass, Suzanne Querry, Seth Kelsey, David Ladd (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Sue Stewart; Ann Callister, Katherine Zak (Youth Advocate)

Absent and excused: David Degenstein

City staff present: Tim Cox, Manager of Parks Planning; Danny Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Director; Jean Rice; Park Analyst

Welcome to Citizen Guests: 4 guests

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion for approval of September 4, 2003 Redmond Park Board minutes as submitted by:** Suzanne Querry

**Second by:** Seth Kelsey

**Motion carried:** 5-0 unanimous

**III. Items from the Audience**

Welcome New Teen Programs Director - Brandi Dorsett

Snodgrass introduced the new Teen Programs Director, Brandi Dorsett. Dorsett most recently came to the City from the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, her job entailed working with the business community in professional development, networking events and business development. Dorsett has a degree in youth studies and has an extensive background working with youths in a variety of settings, which include youth in public schools, faith communities and youth networking. Dorsett's office is located at the ORSCC. Dorsett's duties include overseeing the OFH Teen Center, collaborating partnerships within the community, heading up the Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee (RYPAC), and the upcoming Spring Youth Summit

Dorsett invited the Board to contact her at 556-2399 if they have any questions or need concerns addressed.

#### Redmond Colts Cricket Club

Three members of the Redmond Colts Cricket Club introduced to the Park Board the possibility of expanding and introducing cricket to Redmond. Shekar Gudi, Phani Chitnrvi and Mehul Dave gave the Board specifics on the game of cricket with a request for consideration for usage of a park site. The group has been promoting cricket for the past six years and is hoping that this introduction will spark some interest in offering a facility where cricket can be played on a regular basis.

#### Specific Cricket facts:

- Fast growing sport
- Popular sport
- Baseball size field - Oval - approximately 140 yards x 75 yards
- 2½ hours to 3 hour game time
- Parking needs are slight - most carpool to sites - 7 or 8 spaces
- Would play games on Saturdays or Sundays
- Eleven players - 10 catchers, 1 striker
- Two referees
- May to September - playing season
- Baseball size ball - 5 1/2 ounces
- Most field play is directed to the inside of the field

Hopkins noted that the open field at Juel Park may be a possible/ideal location. There is onsite parking (about 20 spaces), parking at Farrell McWhirter (FM), potable potties and restrooms, if necessary. Hopkins also noted that if this became a possible cricket site, the field would be built as close to cricket specifications as possible. Hopkins also fore noted that the Park had not been master planned yet, so permanent use is still undetermined, however, the interim plan provides for these types of uses. Juel is also a possible site for a disc golf course. Hopkins felt that cricket would be an added plus to the existing recreation program.

Hopkins suggested another formal, more in-depth presentation be made. Callister made a motion for Parks staff and the cricket club to make a formal presentation at the November Board meeting; second by Querry, all in favor.

Querry inquired if the Director and staff had some sense as to what types of summer activities had been taking place at Juel Park. Hopkins noted that there was some interim sports practice use going on and staff has incorporated an equestrian walk-through/ride through on one side of the park. He also noted that some modest mowing has taken place, but more maintenance would be done as more activities are introduced at the park. Hopkins stated that this would be a good site for "seedling" programs. Querry also inquired if the actual cricket game activity would interfere with the outlining disc golf course, hikers and equestrians. Most play, it is noted, will be directed to within the middle/inside of the field. Currently, the King County Cricket Club is using part of the Redmond High School grounds.

Stewart inquired about spectator injury protection. Mr. Gudi explained that the game is played within the center part of the field and the flight of the ball usually rolls and then slows down before the edge of the field boundaries.

Snodgrass asked if the cricket club could provide more visuals at the November meetings' presentation.

#### **IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts**

##### **A. Comprehensive Plan Parks & Recreation Policies**

Snodgrass noted that the Comp Plan preliminary draft presentation to City Council was nearing and she asked the Board to continue to review the document for comments. The City's Planning Dept. representative will be attending next months' meeting to give a presentation and further explain policies in the Comp Plan. With the Board's assistance, the Planning Dept. can amend, add and remove outdated wording, as well as add or revamp new policies for the new Five Year Comp Plan. Cox noted that any revisions that the Board does to the PRO Plan will be transferred into the Comp Plan. Querry asked if the re-inventory and count of non-Redmond owned facilities, as part of what is available, would be transferred over to the Comp Plan. Cox confirmed this to be the case.

The Board will schedule and review comments at their November meeting. Cox asked Board members to bring all materials.

East Lake Sammamish Trail

Cox gave an update on the progress of the ELS Trail Multi-Use Trail. The County is proceeding and construction will begin this fall - segments will be soft surface over the interim period. The City of Sammamish is still in the appeal process, once resolved construction will proceed after environmental studies are completed by KC. May be a couple of years off.

V. Old Business

A. Joint Meeting Review

Snodgrass reported on the Wednesday, September 24 Joint Trails/Park Board/Arts Commission meeting. The gathering began at the Farmers Market site at Town Center, those participating walked along the Sammamish River Trail to the Senior Center, walking both sides of the river. Discussion took place onsite regarding issues and concerns of the trail, areas around the trail and the dedicated open space at TC. Concerns included: signing put up by the condos at the pedestrian crossing on Leary Way; placement of those signs is questionable.

The actual meeting took place at the Senior Center; meeting topics included the proposed new city hall, met new landscape architect for the project, discussion of the park bond. A number of good suggestions were made on how the public might see the bond more favorably.

Hopkins noted that the Park Board has done a good job of educating the Commissions on what the process is; where things were in the process and what is potentially going on.

Querry noted that Hopkins had stated that both Trails and Arts Commission are interested in putting in their suggestions for the park aspect of City Hall. This information should be "funneled" through the Parks Board.

Snodgrass noted that a handout provided by Jean Rice, Parks Administration Analyst, was included in the Board's packets. Rice had attended a "bond" workshop in September and gave a brief bullet presentation of important points:

- All day workshop
- Contract presenter - Eric Wilson
- Grassroots work
- No city funds or city staff
- Discussed on an educational level - Not in a lobbying position
- Good strategies for getting to success - organized user groups
- How to get folks involved
- How to actively go out and get other stake holders involved
- Seek other individuals - the more involvement, more possible success
- Trust for Public Lands was the consultant for Bellevue and Kirkland in the bond process
- Good topic source for Park Board Retreat
- Suggestion to invite Trust for Public Lands to Board retreat

B. Retreat Discussion

This years' retreat will be held on either a Saturday or Sunday in late October or early November. Snodgrass asked Board members to check their calendars. Staff will send out an e-mail to secure a date. Suggested dates would be November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

Snodgrass asked Board members to make suggestions as to what topics might be discussed, along with the Bond issue. Callister suggested that the bond topic would possibly be a springboard for other topics. Future potential issue regarding projects and funding will also be discussed.

C. PRO Plan - Council Study Session - Hopkins/Cox

Cox handed out the PowerPoint presentation material that Council received for their next work study session - October 14th. Hopkins noted that the goal for this work session is to finalize the council's views on the PRO Plan, so that the Plan may be finalized. A previous session was held with council, with the Park Board "fielding" questions from council members. Staff has looked at park inventory, identified deficiencies, counted part inventory so that liabilities for building facilities is minimized, but very specific and

targeted in projects that need to be developed which entails level of service when looking at facilities. Hopkins noted that the existing PRO Plan is a very good document, however the new Plan will be better, addressing some of the issues from prior adoption of the PRO Plan. The most noted change will be the removal of Comprehensive Plan language. The PRO Plan is the "springboard" to what Redmond's park system future needs are. Funding options, strategies for implementation that goes into partnershiping with private sector - builders and how the department can be more effective in identifying in land in lieu of fees in SE Redmond, density transfers and looking at the way the city is shaping and grants are some of the items that the department is looking at.

Callister asked about slide 4, "Description of existing parks, recreation, open space and parks - 2<sup>nd</sup> to last slide, "Re-evaluate park and trails descriptions" - "Description" will be changed to 'Definitions'. "Parks" will be added to slide #4 - "Description of existing parks.....".

Cox noted that the trails master plan is being revised. The county has submitted their recent master plan eliminating most of their trails which were to be connected to existing Redmond trails along Novelty Road, Redmond-Fall City Road and Union Hill Road. Trails Commission supports removal of previously proposed county linkage trails that would no longer connect. The Trails Commission has conservatively approached a system that can be built out, in a ten-year timeframe.

Stewart added that census data and basic demographics information would be beneficial to the planning and consideration of park impacts - inventory, acquisition and development of parks.

Additionally, in consideration of the property adjacent to the Sammamish Valley Community Park, the Supreme Court has ruled not to hear the appeal of the farmland advocates, and the city has the right to zone that property as urban recreational. There is a 30-day window of reconsideration. Snodgrass stated she hoped that the city would be sensitive to entertaining any type of extreme uses by any user groups.

Parks staff always takes into consideration and makes an effort to seek what is in the best interest and needs of the community and develops accordingly. The Board takes into consideration all types of recreational needs - impact and low impact.

**Reminder:** Council Study Session on the PRO Plan is October 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. Park Board Recognition Award - Callister

Callister handed out a list of incorporated suggested changes and ideas from the Board. This document was in a more general form. Callister asked the Board for approval at this meeting or more discussion at the next meeting. Callister would like the Board to proceed in their nomination so that staff can proceed with marketing and PR, starting out in 2004 with a 2003 winner. This would allow for any revisions. Background checks and guidelines will be set with the guidance of the city attorney. Nominees must be residents of the city and within city limits. **The City attorney will be consulted regarding background checks.**

VI. New Business

A. East Lake Sammamish Property Transfer - Cox

The City is currently in discussions with the City of Sammamish regarding the City of Redmond's property which was recently incorporated into the City of Sammamish. Discussions regarding the City of Sammamish developing the property is taking place. There are some monetary issues involved, not only general regional dollars were used, but also staff time and other monies spent on other related projects. Staff needs to identify those acquisition costs and research recovery issues. Issues of usage benefits after development, by Redmond residents, also needs to be addressed. Plans will be developed in the next few months. With the transfer of the City of Redmond's property, the City of Sammamish would have acquired 3,000 feet of continual shoreline. More information as available in the future.

B. 116<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Funding Study

Staff will continue to monitor and make sure trail development is consistent with existing regulations. As development occurs the remainder of the trail on the north side of 116th would be built. Snodgrass noted that a curb was built along the asphalt soft shoulder west of the Northstar development (as it goes up the hill), up to the driveway, short of 164<sup>th</sup>.

Stewart noted that a transit friendly 116<sup>th</sup> would reduce trips. Stewart suggested staff work with Metro to re-extend service back out to Avondale - an old route - linking Avondale to Redmond-Woodinville Road.

## VII. Reports

### A. King County Shop Site Acquisition - Hopkins/Cox

Cox reported that the King County Council took action last week on the King County Shop Site Acquisition. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Redmond City Council will discuss and possible finalization the \$1.3 million purchase and sale agreement for this site.

Initially, the City will look at the structures and environmental clean-up, then decide what steps need to be taken. After the site usage is determined, the extent of the clean up will be made use of the site, will determine funding sources.

### B. Project Updates - Cox/Hopkins

Three major construction projects are proceeding as scheduled: ORSCC parking lot & street infrastructure; Grass Lawn - tennis courts are done, crushed rock is being laid, light standards are going up; Perrigo Park, light standards are up, concrete work is proceeding and will be done in the next few weeks, base material for the carpet is down, field turf will be laid in October or November, backstops are partially constructed, the picnic shelter is framed out and utilities extended.

Snodgrass inquired about the prior plan that the tennis courts at Grass Lawn might be covered. Cox stated that courts 1 and 2 could accommodate a bubble cover, similar to the one at Robinswood. (Bellevue). Hopkins noted various construction options would be explored depending on funding availability.



C. Idylwood Park Renewal Opportunities Study - Cox/Rice

Handout C.7 - general scope of work was submitted by Tom Atkins Associates. The contract has been signed between Atkins and the parks Department. A preliminary staff meeting with Atkins has been held. Atkins will make a presentation at the public meeting/open house next week at Audubon Elementary School.

The process explained in handout C.7 will include a series of meetings with Parks and Recreation staff, these meetings will primarily be held at Board meetings.

Rice explained that Atkins will meet with staff, they will get input from Parks Operations and Recreation for the preliminary plan. Staff will meet with Atkins on October 15<sup>th</sup>, out of that meeting, Atkins will be able to generate two to three types of ideas that could be possible scenarios. After the first public meeting set for October 22, Atkins will put together some sketches and return to the Park Board for pre-finalization. Meetings following will be public meetings.

The Sammamish Rowing Association has expressed interest in having a small facility at Idylwood, they will be holding their annual meeting in mid-November. Atkins would like to have a first public meeting, get public input and the report back before the SRA meets in November. Atkins will come to the December Board meeting to report back. Kelsey would like to hear the consultant's opinion on the possible rowing club facility and public feedback.

The proposal by the Rowing Association will be introduced to the Parks and Human Services Committee Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Snodgrass questioned how the construction of the dock proposed by SRA may be environmentally doable. This aspect will be analyzed by the consultant in coordinated with the Planning Department and existing regulations.

D. Reminders

- ORSCC Gallery, Arts Show - November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Dedication for Eagle Salmon at Reservoir Park - October 16 @ 4:00 p.m.

E. Coast Guard Park Naming - Rice

Rice reported that three names had been submitted. Deadline was September 30<sup>th</sup>. More information at November meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by:** Suzanne Querry

**Second by:** David Ladd

**Motion carried:** 6-0 unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne Querry, Vice Chair

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Date

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

**Next Regular Meeting**

November 6, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center